



Office of the Mayor

The City of Morgantown

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Proclamation

- Whereas,** *in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and*
- Whereas,** *this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and*
- Whereas,** *the legislature of the State of West Virginia has adopted an Act designating Arbor Day and by that Act has designated the 14th of April as the State Arbor Day; and*
- Whereas,** *The City of Morgantown will celebrate Arbor Day on October 6th, 2012, to take advantage of the fall weather which is an excellent time to plant trees. The shorter days and mild temperatures are less stressful and ensures a greater survival rate on newly planted trees; and*
- Whereas,** *it is the purpose of the designation of this day throughout the Nation to encourage the planting of shade and forest trees, to encourage the protection of our forests from the scourge of devastating insects, diseases and fires that destroy the beauty and usefulness of our woodlands, parks and street trees as well as their wildlife; and*
- Whereas,** *trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and*
- Whereas,** *trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and*
- Whereas,** *trees in the City of Morgantown increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

Now, Therefore, I, Jim Manilla, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, do hereby proclaim
Saturday, October 6th, 2012 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect and enhance our trees throughout the city; and

Furthermore, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Seal:

Mayor